

CANAL TRANSFERRED
TO UNITED STATES.

Ceremonies Were Very Simple—
Representative of French
Company and Maj. Brooke
of U. S. Army the
Parties Acting.

Panama, May 4.—The United States canal commission today took formal possession of the canal route and of the property of the Panama Canal company. Wm. W. Russell, the retiring United States minister to Panama (recently appointed United States minister to Colombia), Secretary Lee of the United States legation, and Dr. Pierce, superintendent of sanitation work, were among those present.

From today the canal works will be under the direction of Maj. Mark Brooke of the engineer corps of the United States army who represented the canal commission at the ceremony of the transfer.

Immediately after the transfer the United States flag was hoisted over the legation and over the canal offices in the cathedral plaza.

M. Renaudin, the representative of the Panama Canal company called the principal employees of the company to his office and read them a cable dispatch from Paris, ordering him to deliver all the canal property to the United States government.

Maj. Brooke read a telegraphic message from Secretary Taft directing him to accept the property for the government of the United States.

M. Renaudin then handed the keys of the buildings to Maj. Brooke who hoisted the American flag over the administration building. A document attesting the delivery of the property, written in French, Spanish and English was signed by Maj. Brooke and M. Renaudin.

Anti-Jewish Riots in Russia.

Vienna, May 3.—Reports are current here that there were serious Anti-Jewish riots in the Bessarabian town of Pender on April 30. It is stated that the rioting began on Saturday afternoon while the congregations were in the synagogues.

The mob smashed the windows of houses in the Jewish quarter, entered the houses and threw women and children out of the windows. A girl was murdered in a most revolting manner, the reports say. Cossacks were sent to restore order.

The outbreak is said to have been due to the anger of the crowd over Russian reverses in the far East. These reports lack official confirmation.

An Automobile Tragedy.

Chicago, May 3.—While his fiancée and another young woman vainly tried to lift the heavy vehicle, H. S. Ringi of Chicago Heights, was crushed to death in the mire of a ditch beneath his overturned automobile.

The accident occurred in the North Chicago road, nearly a mile from the village of Chicago Heights.

The occupants of the automobile besides Mr. Ringi were Miss Florence Bornhold, his fiancée, and Miss Elizabeth Canedy.

On approaching the village Mr. Ringi attempted to turn out to pass a farmer's wagon. The heavy machine swerved into a ditch at the roadside, and the occupants were thrown from their seats.

Speaker Cannon not a Candidate.

Washington, May 3.—"Even at the risk of being accused of declining that which I probably could not get, if I desired it, I answer most unequivocally that if the nomination were tendered to me I would not accept it under any circumstances whatever." Thus strongly did Speaker Cannon in an authorized interview with a Post reporter today, emphasize his determination with reference to the Vice Presidency. As he concluded, dictating what he had to say, the Speaker added:

"If there is any language which can be more decisive write it in."

He gave as one of the reasons for his statement that in his judgment he could do better service in any capacity in the House of Representatives than he could do elsewhere. The decision he had come to he said was final.

Fatal Floods in Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 4.—As a result of the cloudburst in Central Texas and this section not a train has moved to the north. About five miles of the International and Great Northern tracks have been washed out north of here. Five children were drowned in a creek five miles from this city. Fields are under from five to eight inches of water to the south of here for fifteen miles. Rivers and creeks are swollen far beyond their banks.

Santiago, Cuba, May 4.—Four bandits convicted of murder were garroted today in the Provincial jail. It was the first legal execution since the Spanish regime. Two executioners who arrived here from Habana yesterday with the garrote were almost mobbed while on their way to the jail. President Palma was petitioned to commute the sentences, but he declined to interfere.

Chicago, May 4.—Thirty-five thousand loaves of bread were received in Chicago today from Pittsburg to relieve the famine threatened by the strike of bakers. Milwaukee and St. Louis bakers were appealed to for a portion of the city's requirements but refused to respond, fearing that a sympathetic strike in their own establishments might follow.

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THE MANNING TRAGEDY.

Story of the Killing of Keels by
the Man Who Did It.

Manning, May 4.—I saw Mr. Youmans this afternoon and asked him if he was yet prepared to make a statement, as foreshadowed in my dispatch of Tuesday, when he said, in substance, as follows:

"In view of the large crowd present, the place where the trouble occurred and the horror upon the minds of all in witnessing the death of any man, and they not understanding the causes which led up to the trouble, I feel that I should be unjust to myself, my family and friends did I decline further a brief statement leading up to the unfortunate tragedy of Monday, in which I was compelled to take the life of John R. Keels, Esq."

"About six weeks ago Mr. Keels paid me for a mule I had sold a negro, and after a week or so I was surprised to have him call upon me for money he had paid me for the negro, saying that the mule was worthless. I objected to returning him the money, claiming my transaction was with the negro, when he became angry and abusive, and I finally asked him to stop and leave my office, as I wanted no difficulty with him. A friend of mine took him out, and was asked by Keels to tell me to let us get pistols and step off ten paces and shoot it out. Shortly after this he brought suit against me, and although I had been warned of numerous threats made by Keels against my life before the filing of the suit, and of the desperate and treacherous character of the man I concluded he had determined to let the Court settle our trouble and, for the time being, dismissed from my mind the fear of violence. For some time Mr. Keels passed and repassed me and would speak to me, and I noticed that he was only threatening and inclined to be abusive when under the influence of liquor, on which occasions I would go out of my way to avoid him. As Court approached these occasions of drinking became more frequent; the threat came to me by such reliable men that I armed myself with a view of protecting myself in case a difficulty could not be avoided. As I came from dinner on Monday a county official said to me: 'Look out for Keels; he is going to hurt you.' Not over ten minutes before the difficulty I was in the Court House door, heard Keels cursing among a crowd of men nearby, but did not catch his words, when he suddenly looked in my direction and made a sudden movement, as if to come towards me, when some one caught his arm and they walked off toward the dispensary. I was standing by one of the large columns supporting the porch of the Court House, with one foot against the column looking for an attorney who had business in my office, when I observed Keels walking rapidly towards me, and before I could take my foot down he struck me with both fists, on each side of my face, glancing blows, which were partly avoided by my throwing off his aims with my left arm. What he said to me with the blows, accompanied by his reaching for his hip pocket convinced me that the fatal moment had arrived, and I commenced shooting and did not cease until all danger to my life was at an end."

"I am informed that many are under the impression that Mr. Keels was not armed, because no pistol was found on his person. The impression that he did not have a pistol when he attacked me is wholly erroneous and utterly untrue, and everything in the world that kept Keels from shooting me was the effectiveness of my shots. To say that I regret the unfortunate necessity compelling me to this deed but faintly expresses my feelings. I would be inhuman did I not feel for his family, having had no desire in the world to harm a hair of his head. I feel today that Mr. Keels would be alive and well had not an enemy of mine taken the advantage of his drinking spells to goad him on to do me bodily harm."

Mr. J. H. Lesene has been retained by Mr. Youmans to assist Capt. W. C. Davis in his defence.—News and Courier.

Manning, May 5.—Magistrate S. M. Youmans, who killed John R. Keels, a lawyer lately from Sumter, in front of the court house on Monday last, is still in jail. He has retained Messrs. W. C. Davis and J. H. Lesene as counsel, who will make application this week before Judge Purdy for bail under habeas corpus proceedings.

The difficulty was expected by many for the last 30 days, as the parties had had some trouble about that time and Keels, who was known throughout Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties to be a desperate man, had been making threats since then against Youmans.

Several witnesses have testified at the coroner's inquest and by affidavit that Keels rushed up to where Youmans was standing and struck him, whereupon Youmans, having been warned by friends during the day to look out for Keels, drew his pistol and commenced firing in rapid succession.

One witness has also sworn that in the scuffle Keels pistol dropped to the ground, and that just as he fell an old man by the name of Ransom L. Logan, who is a great friend of Keels, and who was standing only a few feet away when the shooting occurred, immediately picked up the pistol and stuck it in his pocket. This is partially corroborated by other witnesses.

The tragedy was a horrible one, viewed from any aspect, and it was remarkable how Youmans fired five balls into Keels' chest before he fell, any one of which would have proved fatal as four of them went through, three lodging in his clothing in the back and the fourth passing on through the clothing and slightly scratching a negro on the hip standing not far away.

Keels was said to be drinking considerably the day of the shooting and immediately after he fell it is claimed the slayer turned to old man Logan, who is upwards of 80 years old, and said: "You are the cause of all this trouble."

United States District Attorney John G. Capers has appointed Capt. Lawson D. Melton assistant district attorney and Attorney General Knox has designated Columbia as the official residence of the new assessor.

RUM MONEY FOR SCHOOLS.

The Dispensary has Sold Enough
Liquor This Year to Contribute
\$65 000 More to the Payment
of Teachers' Salaries and
Other Expenses.

Columbia, May 5.—Quite a number of school commissioners have written to know whether there was going to be any more dispensary profits distributed before the close of the present school year. Some of the county school commissioners have written that, unless they can get more money and get it at once, their schools will have to close, and they write to know where they are. There will be another prize distribution from the office of the Comptroller General on Thursday next. There is now \$40,000 in hands of Comptroller General Jones for distribution. The dispensary authorities have advised the Comptroller General that they will turn over to him \$25,000 on Wednesday. This will give him \$65,000, which will be sent out on next Thursday. The county authorities can, therefore, figure on getting a slice of dispensary pie on Friday of next week and make their arrangements accordingly. This \$65,000 will be distributed entirely on the basis of the enrollment in the various counties. The money that has been sent out to the various counties and all of the \$65,000 will be divided upon the basis of the enrollment by county as taken from the annual report of Superintendent Martin.

THE CHARLESTON RUM MONEY.

Columbia, May 5.—The dispensary profits for Charleston county have at last been released. The check to reimburse Charleston county for its "perality" has been forwarded. It is stated that the expenses and costs of the litigation in connection with the Wieters case, for which Charleston was "penalized," aggregated between \$3,500 and \$4,000. After this amount was subtracted from the profits for Charleston the balance was sent to Charleston for current expenses.

American Line to West Africa.

New York, May 6.—Preparations are well advanced for the establishment of a line of steamships to the west coast of Africa, a section of the globe which now has no regular steam communication directly with New York or any other American port. Passenger travel to and from the west coast ports now goes by way of English or German ports, from both of which countries well equipped and profitable lines with frequent sailings, are maintained. Such freight shipments as are made go either by the same foreign and roundabout routes or on irregular sailing vessels or occasional tramp steamships from American ports.

It is announced that within a very short time the recently organized American & West African Steamship Company will begin the running of its vessels. The route will be by way of the Cape Verde Islands and Sierra Leone and thence down the west coast. It is believed that the new line will be not only a successful freight and passenger carrier in itself, but a powerful influence in developing American trade with the west coast. At present this trade amounts to but little and it is believed that that condition is the result principally, of the lack of quick and regular communication with that territory.

Hearst Wins in Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 3.—The indications to-night are that the Democrats will send a delegation to the St. Louis Convention instructed for William Randolph Hearst for President. The opponents of Mr. Hearst played their last card today and lost, and unless the unexpected happens, the followers of Hearst will control tomorrow's State Convention.

Donalds, May 4.—On Sunday evening two negroes, Foster Bradley and Will Boll, had an altercation about some trivial matter. Bradley left the house and sat down on a log to tie his shoe. While in this position Bell, it is charged, stuck a shotgun out of a crack of the house and fired, almost decapitating Bradley. Bell is a mere boy and does not seem to appreciate the enormity of his crime. Bell is in jail at Abbeville.

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Fought to Death With Knives.

Raleigh N. C., May 4.—A special from Wilkesboro, N. C., says: As the result, it is understood of an old feud, Hillery Key is dead, killed by Freeland Johnson in a furious combat with knives and Johnson himself lies at the point of death suffering from ghastly wounds that may yet result fatally. It is reported that Johnson went over to Key's field to hunt for some stray sheep. While there he engaged in an altercation with George Key and fired at him twice but failed to hit him.

Hillery Key, George's brother, then took up the quarrel and Johnson attacked him with a knife. Hillery's knife instantly flashed out, but Johnson was too quick for him, stabbing and cutting his life out in short order though in doing so he himself received wounds that may result fatally.

H. J. Horn, recently chosen general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad, entered the service of that corporation as a draughtsman fifteen years ago, receiving \$60 a month pay. His advance has been steady, until now, at the age of 40, he finds reward in his present position. Howard Elliot, president of the road, has had similar experience, having begun work with a surveying party twenty years ago.

The rise of the Easter lily is one of the most sensational features of greenhouse floriculture in America during the last quarter of a century. American florists raise about 5,000,000 Easter lilies a year. Assuming that only half of these plants are sold; that each bears only two flowers (a good plant should have six to eight) and that the public pays 50 cents a bud it would seem that the American people spend at least \$2,500,000 for Easter lilies every year.

Lincoln, Neb., May 4.—W. J. Bryan controlled the Democratic Convention in his home county today, and a platform reaffirming the Kansas City platform was adopted. No names for the Presidential nomination were mentioned, the Convention voting to adopt the unit rule and practically agreeing to act as Mr. Bryan thinks best in the National Convention.

The shrewdest financier of the age is Ed Kelly of Chicago. He was arrested and released on a \$2,500 bond. He put up the cash. He failed to appear in court and the bond was forfeited. On examination of the bills he put up they were found to be counterfeit.

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54	Columbia to Wilmington	8 10 am	
57	Gibson to Sumter	9 20 am	
52	Charleston to Columbia and Greenville	9 21 am	
46	Orangeburg to Charleston (Tues'd, Thurs'd, Satur'd)	9 25 am	
53	Greenville and Columbia to Charleston	6 20 pm	
32	Augusta to Florence	6 30 pm	
56	Sumter to Gibson	6 50 pm	
47	Charleston to Orangeburg (Tues'd, Thurs'd, Satur'd)	8 15 pm	
55	Wilmington to Columbia	9 25 pm	

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11	Florence to Sumter	1 40 pm	
12	Sumter to Florence	3 10 pm	
25	Hartsville to Sumter	7 40 pm	
20	Robbins to Sumter	8 00 pm	

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71	Sumter to Camden	9 36 am	
68	Camden to Sumter	5 45 pm	
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73	Sumter to Wilson Mill	3 30 pm	
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77	Sumter to Wilson Mill, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	4 50 pm	
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	12 30 pm Ar	Augusta Lv	6 55 am		
6 10 am	10 55 pm Ar	Atlanta 1055 Lv	10 55	11 45 pm	
11 45 am	5 30 am Ar	Birmingham Lv	5 20	4 10 pm	
8 30 pm	11 10 am Ar	New Orleans Lv		9 20 am	
12 35 am	3 30 pm Ar	Spartanburg Lv	3 30	10 35 am	
1 30 am	4 55 pm Ar	Greenville Lv	4 55	9 40 am	
	7 15 pm Ar	Asheville Lv		7 05 am	
	8 15 pm Ar	Louisville Lv		7 40 am	
	7 30 pm Ar	Cincinnati Lv		8 30 am	
6 00 pm		Camden Lv		2 00 pm	
8 35 pm		Rock Hill Lv		9 25 am	
9 40 am		Charlotte Lv		8 10 am	
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